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Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/01-6/30/01)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Commission Regulations require that a committee disclose the identification of all individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in an election cycle. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i)) Identification for an individual is defined as the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer. (11 CFR §100.12) Your report discloses contributions from individuals for which the identification is not complete.

You must provide the missing information, or if you are unable to do so, you must demonstrate that "best efforts" have been used to obtain the information. To establish "best efforts," you must provide the Commission with a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. Establishing "best efforts" is a three-fold process.

First, your original solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and must inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information. (11 CFR §104.7(b)(1)) See 11 CFR §104.7(b)(1)(B) for examples of acceptable statements regarding the requirements of federal law.

Second, if the information is not provided, you must make one follow-up, stand alone effort to obtain this information, regardless of whether the

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contribution(s) was solicited or not. This effort must occur no later than 30 days after receipt of the contribution and may be in the form of a request via mail, e-mail or telephone documented in writing. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(2)) Follow-up requests should be done, if necessary. These requests must be documented clearly in the form of written records. The requests must:

- clearly ask for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution;
- inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information, and
- if the request is written, include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope.

Third, if you receive contributor information after the contribution(s) has been reported, you should either a) file with your next regularly scheduled report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received; or b) file on or before your next regularly scheduled reporting date, amendments to the report(s) originally disclosing the contribution(s). (11 CFR §104.7(b)(4))

Please provide the missing information and a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. For more information on demonstrating "best efforts," please refer to the Campaign Guide for Congressional Committees and Candidates.

-Schedule D of your report fails to supply certain information. Commission Regulations require the full name and address of each creditor, the outstanding beginning and ending balances, any amount incurred during this reporting period, any payment made during this reporting period and the nature or purpose of each debt. All debts must be reported until extinguished or settled. Please amend your report to include the purpose. (11 CFR §104.11)

-Your report indicates the use of calendar year-to-date figures when aggregating and reporting receipts and disbursements. Please be reminded that candidate committees are required to aggregate and report their receipts and disbursements on an election-cycle basis rather than on a calendar-year basis. Beginning with your next report, please ensure that election cycle-to-date figures are used when reporting aggregate amounts. (2 U.S.C. §434(b))

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days

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of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file responses and amendments in an electronic format. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer E. Pittman", is written over the typed name.

Jennifer E. Pittman
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

